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On May 21, 1977, DWP and SRP visited Edith A. Gardner in her home at 80 Cemetery Street, Carbondale, PA. During that visit Edith Gardner stated (among other things) that:

1. Henry B. Curtis was the first minister of the Clinton Baptist Church, 1849-51. (A photograph of Henry B. Curtis is in Edith Gardner's collection.)
2. Cramer's Studio was above Lilje's Shoe Store on Main Street in Carbondale.
3. "the Griswold family reunion is held every year on the third Wednesday in August in the Clinton Grange Hall on the North-South"
4. Benjamin Ray Cooley (m. Florence) is buried in Clinton Cemetery--no gravestone.
5. "Louisa Griswold went out in the garden to pick some rhubarb and came back into the house and died."
6. Edith Gardner taught school from 1920-1960; from 1930-1960 in Carbondale
7. Nelson Gardner married Rena Bell; their daughter, Geneva, married Glen Dean; Geneva and Glen Dean's son, Robert, is a lawyer in Montrose. At one point he was District Attorney of Susquehanna County
8. "Jeremiah Gardner enlisted in the Civil War. My father was eight at the time. Jeremiah went to New York City to enlist, got black fever, and in two weeks was home--dead."
9. Milo, Nelson and Waty Gardner attended the Harford Orphans School. When the students were sixteen they had to leave the school; they called them the "sixteeners"
10. While working for the railroad, Milo Gardner fell ill--paralysed on the right side. After a year he went back to work. He worked a day and died.
11. SRP: "Who is Mrs. Mary Catherine Gardner, born 6-18-1861. died 8-25-1952?"

EG: "I don't know."

Note by SRP: On September 4, 1977, HLRP pointed out to SRP that Aunt Bessie Reese's mother's name was Catherine Gardner. See p. 607 of Vol. I of SRP.